

The Need

The Independence Historical Museum & Art Center is the home of Independence's rich and colorful history. The museum houses thousands of artifacts, photos and works of art – all telling the story of Independence from its earliest days. A valuable asset to the community, the Independence Historical Museum & Art Center also hosts a number of traveling exhibits and dozens of community events and meetings each year.

The majority of the museum's treasures are housed in the 20-room basement and in the mezzanine. Unfortunately these areas are only accessible by stairs, preventing many visitors from enjoying the rich history preserved in the rooms. Lighting, storage and safety issues abound in the 100 year-old building.

Each year, more than 3,000 people visit the Independence Historical Museum & Art Center. Just think how many more visitors would come if all areas of the Museum were accessible to people with disabilities. No one would be excluded from experiencing Independence's rich history.



Accessibility and building improvements do not come cheap on historic buildings. The Independence Historical Museum & Art Center Board of Directors, along with Heckman & Associates, have developed a 3-phase renovation plan to make necessary upgrades and install an elevator. All levels and areas of the museum will be accessible, lighting will be improved, and storage and safety issues will be addressed. Initial estimates for this plan are outlined in this brochure.

The Independence Historical Museum & Art Center has launched a 5-Year Capital Campaign with a goal of \$459,000 to cover the costs of the 3-phase renovation plan. A large portion of this goal has already been met with a donation of \$125,000 by the late Charlie Carter. Despite this generous endowment, the Independence Historical Museum & Art Center still needs your help so that it can better serve all visitors.

The 5-Year Renovation Campaign is structured to make donating simple and affordable. Small, easy-to-budget payments can be made each month resulting in a large, accumulated donation at the end of five years. The Independence Historical Museum & Art Center is a 501(c)3 organization, making all your contributions tax-deductible.

Please look over the enclosed information and consider how your donation can help improve your museum experience as well as help others experience the history of Independence.

For more information call (620) 331-3515
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The Plan

Phase 1 – Exterior Access & Safety **Investment \$81,000**

- Addition of park benches around outside of the museum and on access ramp
- Construction of fire walls around the boiler and installation of fire doors
- Upgrades to basement lighting

Phase 2 – Accessible Restrooms & Lighting Upgrades **\$86,000**

- Demolition, followed by construction of new accessible men's and women's restrooms on the main level of the museum
- HVAC modification and lighting upgrades

Phase 3 – Elevator & Attic Renovations **\$292,000**

- Demolition and modifications necessary to accommodate the new elevator
- Installation of elevator providing access to the two main floors, basement and attic
- Renovations to attic including new walls, doors, lighting, floor coverings, paint, etc.

Total Investment \$459,000*

*These estimates are current and rounded to the nearest \$1,000.
 Total adjusted for 5% annual inflation.

Renovation Campaign 5-Year Pledge Donors & Amounts Needed

**2 Basic
 Memberships
 Waived for Pledge
 Donors Annually!**

Total of All Pledges	Number of Donors	Amount of Your Monthly Payment
\$20,000	2	★\$167/mo.* x 5 yrs. = \$10,000
\$50,000	10	★\$84/mo.* x 5 yrs. = \$5,000
\$62,500	25	★\$42/mo.* x 5 yrs. = \$2,500
\$105,000	60	\$30/mo.* x 5 yrs. = \$1,750
\$65,000	65	\$17/mo.* x 5 yrs. = \$1,000
\$31,500	63	\$9/mo.* x 5 yrs. = \$500

Goal: 225 Donors

Total: \$334,000 + \$125,000 (Carter Elevator Fund)=\$459,000

★ At these levels, donors' names will be displayed on a bronze plaque.
 All donors will be recognized at a ribbon cutting event.



In appreciation for your participation in the **5-YEAR RENOVATION CAMPAIGN**, anyone pledging \$1,000 per year or more will have **2 basic memberships waived each year**.

Donors contributing \$2,500 or more will be displayed on a **bronze plaque** in the museum. All donors will be recognized at a ribbon cutting event for the elevator.

Your Donation

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

My Total Pledge: _____

To Be Remitted: \$ _____ per ☐ Month ☐ Quarter ☐ Year

For your convenience, your pledge can be drafted from your checking or savings account or we can charge your credit card. Please contact the Independence Historical Museum and Art Center at (620) 331-3515 if you need help filling out this form.

Credit Card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover)

Number _____

Exp. Date _____

or

Bank Account Number _____

Bank Routing Number _____

Name of Bank _____

Signature _____

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